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SUBJECT: MALAGASY BAR WILL DEFEND ALL ACCUSED IN TRIAL

BEGINNING FRIDAY

1. IN A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED BY THE PRESS, THE MALAGASY BAR (ORDRE DES AVOCATS) INDICATES THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MALAGASY LAW, IT WILL ASSUME THE DEFENSE OF ALL PERSONS WHO WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL AND WHO WILL NOT HAVE A LAWYER OF THEIR OWN. ALL LAWYERS WITHOUT EXCEPTION, SAYS THE COMMUNIQUE, ARE APPOINTED EX OFFICIO, FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE ACCUSED, REGARDLESS OF WHO THE ACCUSED ARE.

2. FRENCH: L'ORDRE DES AVOCATS TIENT A RAPPELER LES POINTS SUIVANTS AU MOMENT OU VA SIEGER LA COUR MARTIALE:

- 1) LES ACCUSES ONT LE DROIT DE SE DEFENDRE DES MOTIFS D'INCULPATION DONT ILS FONT L'OBJECT;
- 2) S'ILS N'ONT PAS CONSTITUE DE DEFENSEUR, IL APPARTIENT A LA LOI D'EN DESIGNER POUR EUX;
- 3) AINSI TOUS CEUX QUI VONT COMPARAITRE DEVANT LA COUR MARTIALE ET QUI N'ONT PAS D'AVOCATS SERONT PRIS EN CHARGE PAR L'ORDRE DES AVOCATS CONFORMEMENT A LA LEGISLATION EN VIGUEUR;
- 4) AINSI, TOUS LES AVOCATS SANS EXCEPTION SONT COMMIS D'OFFICE POUR DEFENDRE LES ACCUSES QUELS QU'ILS SOIENT.

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